

East Longmeadow Food Services Update

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Dear Families,

The East Longmeadow Food Service Department is asking for your patience and support as we navigate new challenges. As you may be aware, we are currently faced with unprecedented shortages of food and packaging materials, massive delays or cancellations of deliveries, and department labor shortages. Nationwide shortages and delays have affected availability of certain food items, leading to substitutions of menu items we have been able to offer regularly in the past. These supply issues are occurring throughout the country and are especially challenging for school systems, due to the quantity of meals we serve and the nutrition standards we follow.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMFHRCzW3hg>

All of this means that we may need to make quick substitutions to our menus based upon what we are able to acquire. We know that this affects students; and we are doing our best to provide updates about menu changes when possible as soon as we identify an issue.

Please know that our number one priority continues to be providing healthy, nutritious, and appetizing meals for your children. We love seeing them every day and appreciate your support and patience as we continue to offer meals at no charge for all students. Your participation helps our program stay strong, and we look forward to serving you!

Please feel free to contact me at (413) 525-5450 x7980 or lori.pahl@eastlongmeadowma.gov with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Lori Pahl

Food Service Director
